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CHANGES ON THE HORIZON FOR CARAWAY SPEEDWAY 2011 Season Opens With New Management Team With New Direction

(Sophia, NC): The 2011 season at Caraway Speedway will usher in a new management team and a new direction for the .456 mile asphalt oval located near Asheboro, NC.

Darren and Renee Hackett have brokered a deal to lease the NASCAR Whelen All American Series track for the new season and beyond. While most will recognize Darren and Renee from their weekly duties at the speedway, the track will be under their direction when the gates open for the first event. And although the season doesn't begin until March, the new team is already hard at work making preparations for the first race.

"We have been working towards this goal for a long time", said Caraway's new promoter Darren Hackett. "Renee and I have been putting this our ideas together for a long time and as it worked out, the timing was right to make the move. We have so many plans to return the track to its place as one of the premier tracks in the NASCAR Whelen All American Series as well as the area. We understand how tough it is for everyone during this economy but we are making plans to encourage the drivers and fans to want to come to Caraway", Hackett said.

One of the first changes fans will notice will be an earlier starting time for our Saturday night events. We will begin all our Saturday night events at 7:00 PM to allow fans to spend some time with their favorite drivers after the races. A new \$10.00 general admission charge for the grandstands and trackside will be in place for all regular events with the extended distance and touring series events remaining at \$20.00. The "Rusty Harpe Memorial 300" and the Mid-Atlantic Championships" highlight the Late Model Schedule and the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour returns for six big events this season. The Fun Friday series will not return in 2011.

On the competitor side, the track returns to the familiar Hoosier Tire with the F45's being the choice for the Late Model Stock Cars. There will be a new "Super Five Series" for the Late Models as well with the five designated races all being 200 laps or longer paying \$5,000.00 to win each event with bonuses for winning at least three of the five races. The "Super Five Series" dates are tentatively set for March 13th, May 22nd, July 8th and 30th and October 16th. Details for the "Super Five Series" bonuses and a complete 2011 schedule will be released in the upcoming week. More announcements, including naming a new Race Director will be made in the coming weeks.

When asked about turning the reins over to Darren and Renee, track owner and long-time promoter, Russell Hackett, said. "It's just the right time".

For more information on the 2011 season at Caraway Speedway, check out their website at www.carawayspeedway.com.

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